BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-319-C - ORDER NO. 90-787

AUGUST 16, 1990

IN RE: Request of Southern Bell Telephone ) ORDER GRANTING & Telegraph Company for Approval of ) REQUEST TO Revisions to its General Subscriber ) WITHDRAW Service Tariff, Access Service Tariff, ) INTERVENTION, and Private Line Service Tariff ) APPROVING TARIFF, (Reference Tariff No. 90-18, Private ) AND CLOSING Line Restructure) ) DOCKET

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a tariff filing by Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) on January 29, 1990, in which Southern Bell sought revisions to its general subscriber service tariff, access service tariff and private line service tariff. The purpose of the filing was to bring parity pricing for dedicated services in South Carolina. The filing introduced private line and special access tariffs that contain a similar rate structure and proposed similar rates for comparable services.

The matter was duly noticed and Petitions to Intervene were filed by the following parties: GTE South, Inc. (GTES), Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate), Contel of South Carolina, Inc. (Contel), and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T). Upon receipt of the intervention, the matter was scheduled for hearing.

Subsequently, the Commission received separate requests to withdraw the intervention filed on behalf of the several intervenors in this matter. Specifically, AT&T requested permission to withdraw as a party, GTES requested to withdraw as a party, and Contel requested to withdraw its intervention in this matter. The Consumer Advocate informed the Commission that it did not wish to participate in the hearing based upon the assurance from Southern Bell that the concerns of the Consumer Advocate that private line pricing for certain subvoice grade local channels and voice grade local channels would be addressed in a future general rate proceeding.

In light of the request of the parties, the Commission has herein determined that the request to withdraw as intervenors in this matter filed on behalf of AT&T, GTES and Contel be granted. In light of the Consumer Advocate's request not to participate in any hearing scheduled in this matter, and the withdrawal of the intervention, the Commission has determined that it is not necessary to hold a hearing. Upon review of the tariff, the Commission finds that it should be approved and the instant docket is hereby closed.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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